

HONORING FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR JOSEPH BRYANT RAYNOR, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. for his continued service to his community, county and State.

Born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, Senator Raynor learned early the value of hard work. Joe, like myself, grew up working on a farm and in his father's store stocking farm supplies and groceries. While attending 71st School in Fayetteville, Joe was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and also worked an after school job as a baggage boy at Efrid's Department Store. After graduation he pursued a career in business, eventually leading him to start Raynor Business Supply Company, which has thrived for over 60 years.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Joe Raynor served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 22 years. First in the House, and then in the Senate, Joe strongly supported the criminal justice system and advocated for law enforcement and first responders. Serving as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Law Enforcement and Crime Control, he introduced bills to benefit law enforcement, including subsidizing losses for families of police officers slain in the line of duty. He also found innovative, fiscally responsible ways to help the community, supporting halfway houses with his "nickel a bottle tax" on liquor sales, and expanding community efforts treat those suffering from alcohol addiction. After more than two decades of focusing his energies on serving police officers, the mentally ill, and the elderly, Joe Raynor retired from the General Assembly in 1992.

Throughout his life Senator Raynor has served on a number of boards, commissions and committees in North Carolina, notably his position as Cumberland County Special Deputy Sheriff and Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Elections. He has served the people of Cumberland County, the Sheriff's Department and the first responder community for over 50 years and has made a lasting impression on his county and the face of the North Carolina criminal justice system.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the service and achievements of a good friend and former colleague of mine, Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. He is a hard-working man and a beacon of justice and service. Like many of my fellow North Carolinians, I am proud to call Joe Raynor my friend.

CONGRATULATING TRENT STEELE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kearney High School's Trent Steele, who has recently been named assistant principal of the year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

Trent supervises and advises the senior class, curriculum, and is in charge of teacher evaluation and supervision. In addition, he co-chairs the Kearney High School Behavior/Safety Committee, which is responsible for development and implementation of school wide behavior policy.

Prior to his service at Kearney High, Trent served as assistant principal at Beatrice Middle School, and as K-12 principal at Anselmo-Merna Public School.

With a background in education myself, I know the dedication and responsibility required by Trent and other educators. He is a credit to Kearney High and the people of Nebraska.

JESSICA BOWLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Bowler who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jessica Bowler is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Bowler is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jessica Bowler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1208, which expresses support for World IP Day.

April 26, 2010 was the 10th annual World IP Day. This day was designated by the member nations of the World Intellectual Property Organization in order to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, and trademarks impact daily life, to raise understanding of how protecting IP rights helps promote creativity and innovation, to celebrate the contributions of creators and innovators to societies around the world, and to encourage respect for the IP rights of others.

When the Founders of our great Nation crafted the U.S. Constitution, they saw fit to include provisions to provide for the protection of intellectual property. They believed that if authors and inventors had the exclusive ability to use and reap a return on their creations for a limited time, then those artists and inventors

would have the financial incentive to create new and exciting products that would benefit society and our economy. And it worked!

Today, America is the world leader in innovation and creativity precisely because of our Founders' foresight and our Nation's exceptionally strong intellectual property laws. Furthermore, the IP industries in America are a major driving force and job-creating engine of our economy.

Recently I had the opportunity to talk with a famous American author who told a story that hammered home how much the creative ideas of one man, if properly protected by intellectual property laws, can multiply into real jobs for real people. He wrote a best-selling novel. That novel then needed to be edited, reviewed, printed, marketed and distributed. The novel then became a movie, which needed to be produced, reviewed, distributed and shown in movie theatres, then in movie rental shops all across the country. The protected idea of one man helped to create all these jobs down the line. It is stories like this that need to be told on World IP Day.

In today's digital world, the Internet's fast connections can be used to download, upload and otherwise share illegal copies of songs, movies, games, and software at unprecedented levels. As we continue our journey into the digital age, it is even more important that we continue to jealously guard creators' intellectual property rights in order to foster new content, innovative products, and American jobs.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER DOLLAR CITY IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 50th Anniversary of Silver Dollar City in Southern Missouri. On May 1, 1960, this attraction was established in Branson, Missouri, and a whole community has grown up around the many visitors who are drawn to Taney County every year. Not only is Silver Dollar City a mainstay of the local economy, the park is also an annual destination for families throughout the region.

Silver Dollar City owes its success and its continuation as a family business to the leadership of its co-owners and co-founders, Mr. Jack Herschend and Mr. Peter Herschend. Since the founding of their company 50 years ago, they have always stayed true to the principal values of our State and our Nation. By being diligent in their business, kind to their employees and loyal to the customers who return to them year after year in increasing numbers, Herschend Family Entertainment is a great example to aspiring entrepreneurs in every sector of our economy.

As this House of Representatives labors in the best interests of Americans like the Herschends and ideas like Silver Dollar City, we must keep in mind the policies that will enable others to achieve similar success through their good ideas and hard work. I'm honored to congratulate all of the employees and guests at Silver Dollar City, past and present, on their 50th Anniversary. Each of them is a